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# THE AVENGERS

**BLOOD HUNT**

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THIS  
IS AN  
AVENGERS  
PRIORITY  
ALERT.

AVENGERS  
CHIEF CAROL DANVERS,  
CAPTAIN MARVEL, HAS  
TASKED ME WITH PUTTING OUT  
THE CALL FOR MORE  
AVENGERS.

IF YOU'VE  
RECEIVED THIS  
MESSAGE, IT MEANS  
THAT I NEED YOU  
TO STEP UP.

IDENTICARD  
TRACKING WILL  
BRING YOU TO MY  
LOCATION.



BE  
PREPARED FOR  
VAMPIRES.

AVENGERS  
ASSEMBLE.

CAPTAIN  
AMERICA,  
OUT.



And there came a day, a day unlike any other, when Earth's mightiest heroes found themselves united against a common threat! On that day, the Avengers were born. To fight the foes no single super hero could withstand!

# THE AVENGERS

Vampires have descended upon the Earth! With the planet shrouded in perpetual night, vampires are more powerful than ever—and it's up to the Avengers to stop them! But hordes of vampires and only seven Avengers means Captain Marvel knows it's time to call in the cavalry... **Avengers Assemble!**

## "BLOOD HUNT" PART ONE

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THIS STORY TAKES PLACE DURING THE EVENTS OF **BLOOD HUNT #1**.



THERE'S SUPER  
HEROES AND  
SUPER VILLAINS.

I SUPPOSE I'M A  
SUPER HERO. I'VE  
WORN THIS COSTUME,  
TAKEN ON THIS NAME,  
FOUGHT VILLAINS  
ALL ACROSS THIS  
WORLD AND ANY  
NUMBER OF OTHERS.

WITH THE  
AVENGERS,  
NO LESS.



BUT AT MY  
HEART, I'M  
A SOLDIER.

IT WAS ALL I  
EVER WANTED  
TO BE.



NOT BECAUSE I LIKE  
WAR, OR FIGHTING  
FOR ITS OWN SAKE.

BUT THIS HAS ALWAYS  
BEEN A WORLD WHERE  
THINGS EXIST THAT NEED  
TO BE FOUGHT AGAINST.



AND THAT'S WHAT  
I WANTED TO DO.

FIGHT AGAINST THE  
THINGS THAT NEED  
TO BE FOUGHT.

I'M A SOLDIER,  
WHICH MEANS I CAN  
TELL YOU THIS:



WE'RE  
AT WAR.

WHICH MEANS I  
NEED AN ARMY.



EVERY TIME I  
RETURN TO THIS WORLD,  
I FIND IT IN PERIL.

THAT IS NO  
GREAT WORRY.

FOR HERCULES  
IS THE MATCH OF  
ANY PERIL.

HAHA!  
CAPTAIN AMERICA,  
THE PRINCE OF  
POWER HEEDS  
YOUR CALL!

COME THEN,  
STRIGES!

I HAVE LIVED VERY,  
VERY LONG AND  
HAVE SEEN THE LIGHT  
OF THE WORLD FLICKER  
TIME AND AGAIN.

AND EVERY TIME,  
HERCULES HAS  
BEEN THERE TO  
MEET THAT WHICH  
WOULD  
EXTINGUISH IT.

COME AND  
RECEIVE THE  
GIFT OF  
BATTLE!

IF THIS BE  
THE CRISIS THAT  
FINALLY SNUFFS  
IT OUT...

HO!


THE  
GUN-KISSED  
SWORD OF APOLLO  
IS A CRUEL BLADE,  
IS IT NOT?

...THEN I WILL  
MEET THAT FINAL  
DARKNESS AS  
AN AVENGER.

HA!

SPEAKING OF  
APOLLONIAN--  
AN ARROW FROM  
THE HEAVENS!



A comic book panel showing Hawkeye in his purple and blue suit, aiming a bow. He is in the middle of a battle, with other characters and explosions visible in the background.

THEY SAY THAT THE SHORTEST  
DISTANCE BETWEEN TWO  
POINTS IS A STRAIGHT LINE.

BUT THAT'S  
NOT HOW  
ARROWS TRAVEL.

HAWKEYE,  
CLOCKING IN!

WIND SPEED  
ME... TARGETS  
MOVING AT--

A comic book panel showing a large, red, monstrous creature being destroyed by an explosion. Debris is flying everywhere.

THERE'S ALWAYS  
AN ARC.

AND THAT'S MY  
LIFE. UP AND  
DOWN. NEVER IN  
A STRAIGHT LINE.

A close-up comic book panel of Hawkeye. He has an arrow in his mouth and is looking determined.

STRAIGHT LINES  
ARE EASY. POINT  
AND SHOOT.

BUT AN ARC IS  
COMPLICATED. ALIVE.  
UNPREDICTABLE.

COME ON,  
COME ON...

A comic book panel showing Hawkeye in a dynamic pose, fighting a large, blue, monstrous creature. The scene is filled with action and energy.

AND NOW, MORE THAN EVER,  
I'M REMINDED OF THE BIGGEST  
POINT OF COMPARISON:

AN ARROW'S  
ARC ENDS. SO  
DOES A LIFE.





SO WE'RE  
DOING THIS AGAIN,  
ARE WE?

MY "FATHER"  
IS A BASTARD.

AND I TAKE  
AFTER HIM.



ASK MY  
EX-WIFE.

ASK OUR  
CHILD.




THERE IS ONE  
PERSON LEFT  
WHO LOVES ME.

MY SISTER, THE SCARLET  
WITCH. A PRISONER OF  
THOSE WHO HAVE DONE  
THIS TO THE WORLD.

SO I REJOIN  
MY OTHER FAMILY.  
THE AVENGERS.

AND I KILL AS MANY  
VAMPIRES AS I CAN UNTIL  
I AM ABLE TO REACH THOSE  
WHO HAVE TAKEN MY SISTER.





I GUESS IT  
WAS ALWAYS  
GOING TO  
COME TO THIS.

CHUCKING  
HAZARDOUS  
RADIATION AT  
VAMPIRES  
UNDER AN  
ETERNAL NIGHT.



I MEAN,  
I WENT TO  
SCHOOL  
FOR IT, FOR  
GOD'S SAKE.

FOUGHT THE  
MASTERS OF  
EVIL, NO LESS.



I EVEN PALLED AROUND WITH  
CAPTAIN MARVEL, AND  
SHE RUNS THE WHOLE GANG.



I SUPPOSE I'D  
BETTER JUST  
ACCEPT IT.

I'M AN  
AVENGER  
NOW.

GOD.



AVENGERS!  
SOUND OFF!

HAZMAT  
REPORTING  
ALL CLEAR! SIR,  
YES, SIR!

TURNS OUT  
IF YOU TWEAK  
U.V. RADIATION *JUST  
RIGHT*, IT'S THE NEXT  
BEST THING TO  
SUNLIGHT.

I'M  
GOOD.

I AM  
VICTORIOUS!

I AM  
IMPATIENT.

OUTSTANDING.

SOME OF  
YOU HAVE WORKED  
TOGETHER BEFORE, SOME  
OF YOU HAVEN'T. BUT YOU'VE  
ALL BEEN AVENGERS  
BEFORE, IN ONE FORM  
OR ANOTHER.

YOU KNOW  
TO WATCH EACH  
OTHER'S BACKS.  
WE'RE GOING TO  
NEED THAT.

THANK YOU  
FOR COMING  
WHEN I  
CALLED.









THE VAMPIRES  
WE'VE SEEN HAVE  
BEEN **TERROR TROOPS**--  
THEY'RE NOT ORGANIZED  
BEYOND CAUSING  
**CHAOS AND FEAR.**

WHICH  
SERVES THE AIMS  
OF WHOEVER  
**STARTED THIS.**

BUT  
THERE'S ALSO  
AN **ORGANIZED**  
FACTION AT  
WORK.



THE **WILD**  
VAMPIRES ARE  
DANGEROUS, BUT AN  
ORGANIZATION IS  
EVEN **MORE SO.**

THEY'VE BEEN  
ROUNDING UP  
PEOPLE LIKE **CATTLE.**  
DRIVING THEM  
IN **HERDS.**



BUT TO  
WHAT **END,**  
CAPTAIN?

I THINK  
IT MIGHT BE  
THE **BLOOD,**  
GENIUS.



THAT'S WHAT  
WE'RE GOING  
TO FIND OUT,  
HERO.

THOUGH, YES,  
I DO THINK IT  
PROBABLY HAS  
SOMETHING TO  
DO WITH **BLOOD.**



PIETRO, I  
BELIEVE THAT  
YOU'RE FASTER  
ON FOOT.

YOU BELIEVE  
CORRECTLY.



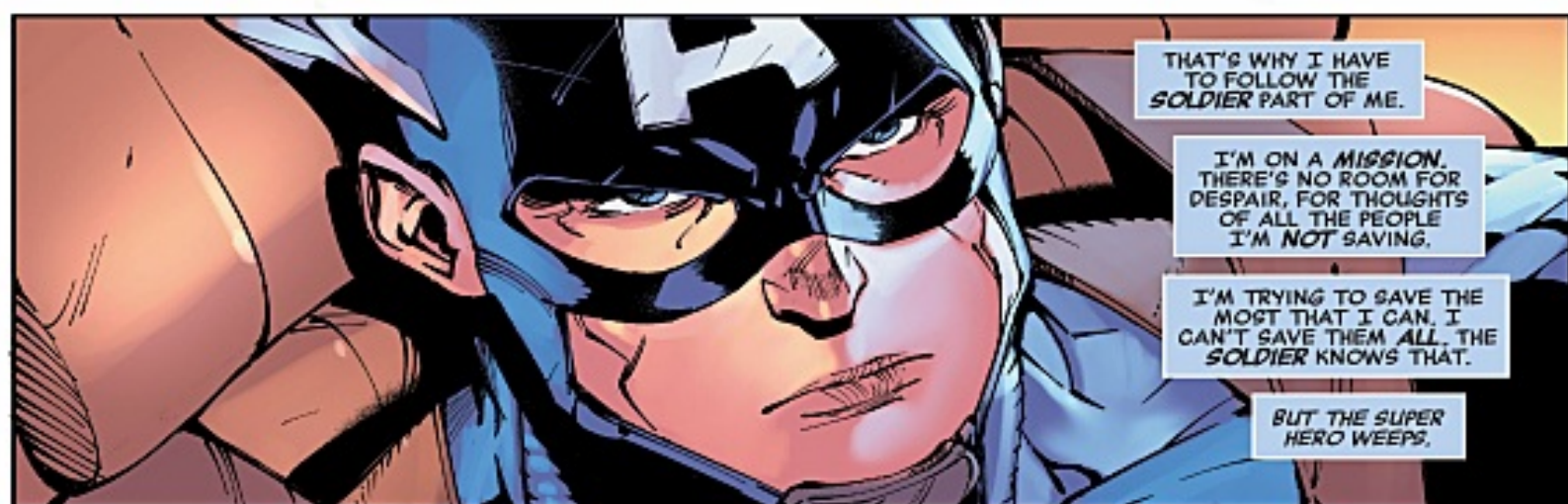


THEN  
LET'S  
GO.

THIS CITY IS  
IN CHAOS.

PEOPLE  
ARE DYING.

THE SUPER HERO  
PART OF ME  
KNOWS I CAN'T  
SAVE EVERYONE.



THAT'S WHY I HAVE  
TO FOLLOW THE  
**SOLDIER** PART OF ME.

I'M ON A MISSION.  
THERE'S NO ROOM FOR  
DESPAIR, FOR THOUGHTS  
OF ALL THE PEOPLE  
I'M **NOT** SAVING.

I'M TRYING TO SAVE THE  
MOST THAT I CAN. I  
CAN'T SAVE THEM **ALL**. THE  
**SOLDIER** KNOWS THAT.

BUT THE SUPER  
HERO WEEPS.





THERE!



YOU  
FOUND  
THEM?

HAWKEYE,  
CAP--IT'S RIGHT  
THERE IN THE  
NAME.

AND YEAH:  
BUNCH OF VAMPIRES  
IN MATCHING OUTFITS  
HERDING PEOPLE  
TOGETHER?



MATCHING--?  
WAIT.

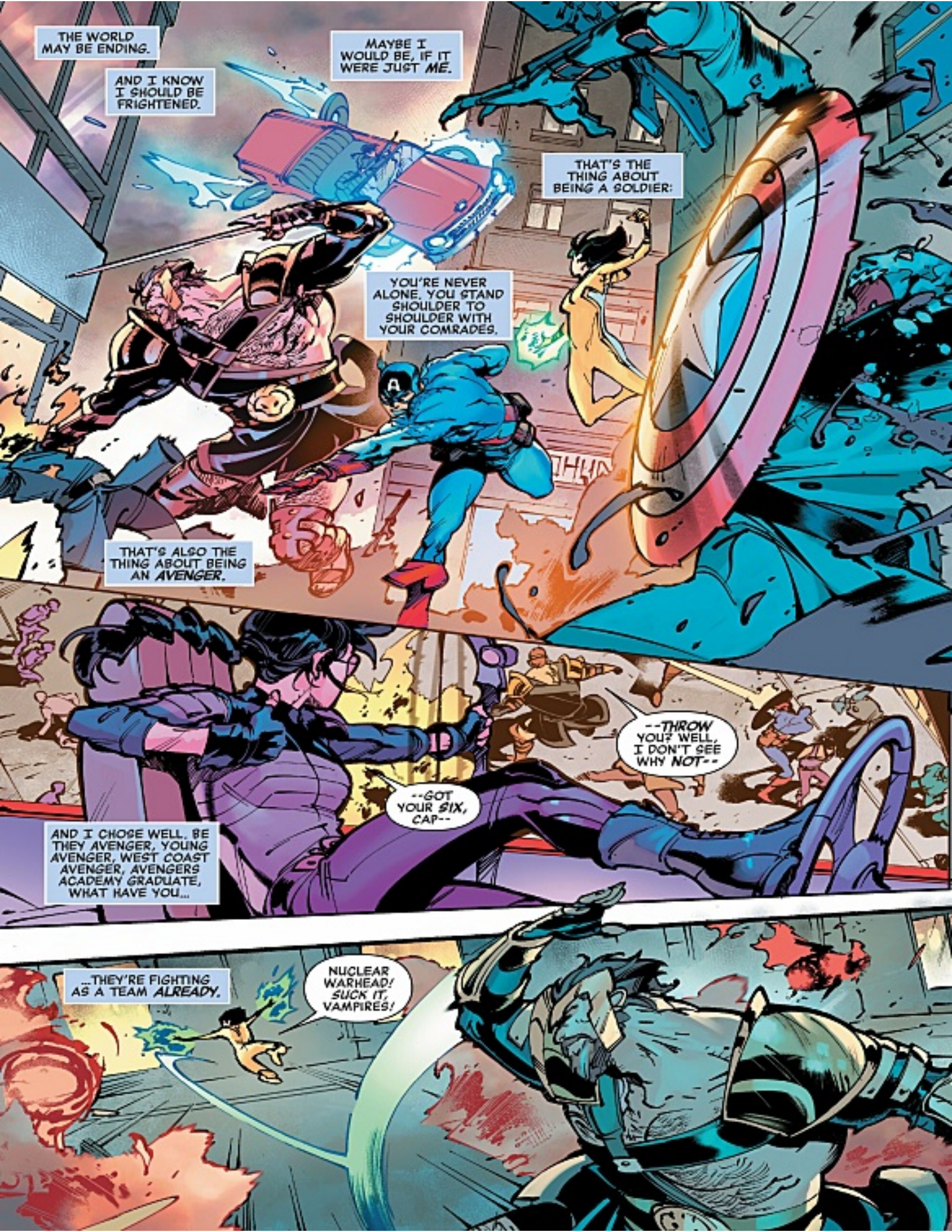


ARE  
THOSE NAZI  
VAMPIRES?









THE WORLD  
MAY BE ENDING.

AND I KNOW  
I SHOULD BE  
FRIGHTENED.

MAYBE I  
WOULD BE, IF IT  
WERE JUST ME.

THAT'S THE  
THING ABOUT  
BEING A SOLDIER:

YOU'RE NEVER  
ALONE. YOU STAND  
SHOULDER TO  
SHOULDER WITH  
YOUR COMRADES.

THAT'S ALSO THE  
THING ABOUT BEING  
AN AVENGER.

AND I CHOSE WELL. BE  
THEY AVENGER, YOUNG  
AVENGER, WEST COAST  
AVENGER, AVENGERS  
ACADEMY GRADUATE,  
WHAT HAVE YOU...

--GOT  
YOUR SIX,  
CAP--

--THROW  
YOU? WELL,  
I DON'T SEE  
WHY NOT--

...THEY'RE FIGHTING  
AS A TEAM ALREADY.

NUCLEAR  
WARHEAD!  
SUCK IT,  
VAMPIRES!



WHAT--

WHAT IS  
WRONG WITH YOUR  
SHIELD? IT'S NOT  
FLYING RIGHT.

THIS ISN'T  
MY USUAL ONE--  
IT'S NOT AS WELL MADE,  
SO IT DOESN'T FLY QUITE  
AS TRUE, BUT I'M  
GETTING USED  
TO IT.

IT'S EDGED IN  
SILVER. I HAD IT  
MADE AFTER I WAS  
TURNED INTO A  
WEREWOLF.

A  
WEREWOLF?

IT  
HAPPENS!

I MYSELF  
WAS TURNED INTO  
A SPIDER-MAN  
ONCE!

...THIS IS A  
TERRIBLE JOB.  
I'M QUITTING.

HEY!

DOES  
ANYONE ELSE  
WANT TO KNOW  
WHERE THE NAZI  
VAMPIRES CAME  
FROM?

NAZI,  
VAMPIRES, WHAT'S  
THE DIFFERENCE?

PARASITES  
OBSESSED WITH  
BL--

URK!



ON THE  
CONTRARY,  
MUTIE.

ACTUALLY--

WE  
REPRESENT  
A CONSISTENT  
IDEOLOGY.

A MASTER  
RACE, PUTTING THE  
UNDER-MEN WHERE  
THEY DESERVE TO BE:  
AS LIVESTO--

--GKK--

HM.

WELL. LOOKS LIKE I GOT  
THE HANG OF IT  
AFTER ALL.

THEY HAD TO  
TRANSCRIBE THE  
DARKHOLD, DIDN'T  
THEY? THEY HAD TO  
CREATE THE FIRST  
VAMPIRE.

AND NOW  
LOOK WHAT'S  
HAPPENED.

UGH.

ALL OF THIS,  
THE FAULT OF  
ATLANTIS.

PULL!



LET'S NOT  
GET CARRIED  
AWAY.

I'VE KNOWN  
GOOD VAMPIRES,  
PEOPLE WHO NEVER ASKED  
FOR THIS CURSE, WHO DON'T  
INFLECT THEIR PAIN AND  
HUNGER ON OTHERS.

BUT I'VE  
NEVER KNOWN  
A GOOD NAZI.

WELL, IT'S  
NOT LIKE YOU  
TURN INTO A  
NAZI IF ONE  
BITES YOU.

...RIGHT?

NOT IN MY  
EXPERIENCE,  
NO.

AND THAT'S...

—THE BALL  
GAME.









...IT'S A  
VORTEX  
BEAM!



# WHAMM



STAY SHARP,  
AVENGERS.

FORM A  
PERIMETER  
AROUND THE  
CIVILIANS--



A HELICARRIER.

WHERE THE  
HELL DID A  
HELICARRIER  
COME FROM?

I DON'T  
KNOW, BUT  
I'LL TELL YOU  
WHERE IT'S  
GOING:

STRAIGHT  
DOWN ONCE I  
E.M.P. THE GUTS  
OUT OF IT.



A TRUE  
WARRIOR'S  
SPIRIT, I  
GRANT YOU...

...BUT PERHAPS  
A BIT PERILOUS  
FOR THE CITY  
BENEATH US?

AND FOR ALL  
OF THE PEOPLE  
ABDUCTED WITH US...  
AND FOR US...

WELL.

I SUPPOSE  
I SHOULD HAVE  
EXPECTED YOU,  
CAPTAIN  
AMERICA.

YOU, I  
KNEW IT WOULD  
BE YOU.

EVERY TIME  
I, OR SOMEONE  
LIKE ME, HAVE TRIED TO  
DELIVER THIS PARTICULAR  
BABY INTO THE WORLD,  
YOU HAVE BEEN THERE  
TO KILL IT IN ITS  
CRIB.

BUT THIS TIME,  
CAPTAIN AMERICA...  
NOBLE FASCISM WILL  
BE BIRTHED IN AMERICA,  
AND IT WILL BE ME WHO  
WELCOMES IT INTO  
THE WORLD.





**NEXT:  
BARON BLOOD!!!**



# AVENGERS ASSEMBLE!

Hello, Avengers fans! New editor Wil Moss here, honored to be taking the reins of this legendary title from the equally legendary Tom Brevoort. Joined by the book's new assistant editor, Michelle Marchese (future legend), we're both thrilled to welcome C.F. Villa back as he and Jed reunite for this epic BLOOD HUNT tie-in! Who's your favorite member of this new temporary lineup? Write in and let us know! And speaking of BLOOD HUNT, be sure not to miss out on that killer event mini, as Jed has the regular Avengers lineup on the front lines of this vampire takeover! And Carol & co. aren't faring very well so far! (Maybe this new lineup won't be so temporary after all...) Okay, we'll start answering your letters next issue, but in the meantime, here's some of your latest missives!

Mister MacKay,

I'm loving this new chapter of Earth's Mightiest Heroes so far and am glad to see Edwin back in these pages. Now it feels like home again. You started this run off with my favorite Avengers villain, Kang – any chance my favorite Avenger, Hawkeye (Clint), can stop by for an extended visit?

And once again, Marvel teaches their readers valuable lessons. This time around, the possible dangers of eating corned beef in questionable establishments. Just in time for St. Patrick's Day. Thanks, Mr. Sweeny!

As always,  
Make Mine Marvel  
Rob Shelor, P.M.M., F.F.F.  
Roanoke, VA

Hey, AVENGERS team,

I'm writing to tell you how much I really enjoyed the last issue of AVENGERS – it was amazing. The current Avengers team is also awesome with Captain Marvel as the leader. Also, nice job with the new HQ, the Impossible City. I hope Peter Parker, A.K.A. Spider-Man, gets to visit it one day. Once again, great job.

Tyler Ken

Hi there, AVENGERS team:

I am a 61-year-old gay Latino man. I disclose this because I have been reading Marvel comics since they cost fifteen cents. And through your comics, especially the Avengers and the Scarlet Witch/Vision romance, I found strength in my "difference" and knowledge to handle "hate." So I wanted to extend a gracious thank you for empowering me.

Now to the current volume roster:

Love it, love it, love it!

Obviously, Wanda & Vision are my faves. Their current relationship shows growth and maturity. The interactions of the members are honest and reflects their history as Avengers.

I truly enjoy reading it again!

Would love to see more Wanda and Carol interactions. And in this age of female empowerment, how about a return of the Lady Liberators?!

"Up against the wall, you male chauvinist pigs!" – now that's a battle cry!

BTW: AVENGERS #83 was the first comic I bought myself!

Make Mine Marvel,  
Joe Torres III  
Lancaster, CA

Jed MacKay's (welcome) onslaught of creativity continues!!! So reminiscent of Mark Gruenwald's unique, clever concepts, abilities and adversaries.

I cannot wait for the oversized \$5.99 one-shot of STRANGE MARVEL TEAM-UP TALES OF THE GALAXY where the Impossible City meets the Midnight Mission to find the fate of (Star-Lord's) Ship. Why not? We have had Pet Avengers miniseries.

John Panno  
Addison, IL



**NEXT**

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# BLOOD HUNT TIE-IN!



**Captain America** and his ad hoc Avengers take on **Baron Blood** and his Helicarrier of vampires! But is this team prepared for sky-bound combat? And will they be able to return the civilian hostages to safety, or will the Blood Hunt turn into a bloodbath?